

House Resolution 1771

By: Representatives Mitchell of the 88th and Mangham of the 94th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the Stephenson High School Lady Jaguars basketball team on winning the
2 GHSA girls AAAAA state championship and inviting the team to appear before the House
3 of Representatives; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, in the final game of the Class AAAAA state championship, the Stephenson
5 Lady Jaguars dominated and defeated Redan by the score of 66 to 51, capturing the state girls
6 basketball title for a second time in four years; and

7 WHEREAS, the Stephenson High School Lady Jaguars basketball team has proven itself to
8 be one of the greatest basketball programs in Georgia High School Association history with
9 an overall record of 224-66 wins, 7 straight region championships, 8 straight state
10 appearances, 3 final four appearances in 2005, 2006, and 2007, 1 runner-up title in the state
11 championship, and 2 state championships; and

12 WHEREAS, the hard work, determination, and competitive spirit of the exceptional Jaguars
13 girls basketball team contributed to the success of the Stephenson High School team and
14 helped them to realize a dream not only for themselves but for their school and many fans
15 and their great achievements will influence their personal growth and offer them memories
16 they will cherish for a lifetime; and

17 WHEREAS, these players have benefited greatly from the expert training, dedication, and
18 encouragement provided by the amazing Head Coach Dennis C. Watkins, Jr., and Assistant
19 Coaches Reginald Harris, Cedric Vinson, and Kathy Johnson as well as the tremendous
20 support of the team managers, LaDonna Wright and Terrell Johnson and the Stephenson
21 High School Principal Dr. Angela Pringle, Athletic Director Mr. Travis Grant, the school's
22 outstanding faculty, their many dedicated fans, and their loving family members; and

23 WHEREAS, this talented and well-coached team displayed the qualities of excellence
24 through its players: Charmaine Ross, Yasheeka Jones, Marissa Lewis, Kayla Atkins,

1 Keniqua Wyche, Schyanne Halfkenny, Shelia Bradley, Kiristen Robinson, Taylor Turnbow,
2 Rudie Benson, Jheanell Stephenson, Jylisa Williams, Prittany White, and Arielle Walton; and

3 WHEREAS, the DeKalb community as well as the State of Georgia take great pride in the
4 accomplishments of these fine young champions and it is abundantly fitting and proper that
5 this body recognize this extraordinary team.

6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
7 the members of this body recognize and commend the Stephenson High School Lady Jaguars
8 basketball team on winning the Class AAAAA state championship and extend to the team
9 members and their coaches best wishes for continued success in life on and off the court.

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Stephenson High School Lady Jaguars basketball
11 team and their coaches and principal are invited to appear before the House of
12 Representatives at a date and time to be fixed by the Speaker of the House for purposes of
13 being recognized by the House and receiving an appropriate copy of this resolution.